

Chairman Julius Genachowski:
Commissioner Michael J. Copps:
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell:
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker:
Commissioner Mignor Clyburn:

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20544

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

I am writing to express my support for the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile, which will significantly expand access to advanced high-speed broadband wireless coverage in the Pueblo area. Having been raised in Pueblo and having served this community for over 30 years, I realize how critical it is for our businesses to keep up with the nationwide growth in communications.

During this period of economic challenges, we must pursue all avenues to economic growth. Businesses large and small, families, schools, and health care providers are using substantial technological advances made in recent years. In order for our rural communities to utilize these advances, the infrastructure must be in place.

We are a diverse, optimistic and entrepreneurial community. I see the expansion of high-speed broadband as a critical component to improve economic development in this 21st Century. We have to provide innovative tools that are necessary for businesses today and remove existing barriers so hard-working people are not prevented from getting ahead. A combined AT&T and T-Mobile means 97% of America will have access to a high-speed 4G LTE mobile internet network. Rural areas don't receive these types of technological advances as quickly as urban areas, but it is just as important because of the wider serving businesses that exist.

Pueblo is home to the Colorado State Fair, Colorado Mental Health Institute at Pueblo, the Colorado Lottery, and Pueblo Regional Center, to name a few of the state's largest businesses. Thousands of Pueblo residents work in these Pueblo-based state-serving institutions. I will continue to pursue technological opportunities to ensure these institutions are successful in retaining Pueblo employees and continue to contribute to our local economy.

I respectfully ask for your consideration in approving the AT&T T-Mobile merger that will bring opportunity to the Pueblo community and the state of Colorado.

Sincerely,


Senator Angela Giron
Colorado State Senate District 3